(b) what would be the percentage of country's total population vis-a-vis such senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) A statement giving population of aged persons beyond 60 as on 1st July, 1999 and estimated population for next 10 years i.e. upto 2009 alongwith percentage to country's total population is enclosed.

**Statement**

*Year-wise population of aged persons beyond 60 years and percentage to total country's population for the year 1999 to 2009*

| Year | Population of aged persons 60+ as on 1st July of the year (Figures in Millions) | Perentage to total country's Population |
|---|---|---|
| 1999 | 66.96 | 6.79 |
| 2000 | 68.79 | 6.86 |
| 2001 | 70.93 | 6.97 |
| 2002 | 72.33 | 7.00 |
| 2003 | 74.15 | 7.07 |
| 2004 | 76.41 | 7.17 |
| 2005 | 79.11 | 7.31 |
| 2006 | 82.25 | 7.48 |
| 2007 | 84.45 | 7.56 |
| 2008 | 86.97 | 7.67 |
| 2009 | 89.84 | 7.81 |

Source: Office of the Registrar General, India, Report of the Technical Group on Population Projections constituted by the Planning Commission, August 1996.

**Modernisation and upgradation of Hospitals in Meghalaya**

1013. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated to modernise and upgrade the facilities at Government hospitals functioning in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of hospitals where this modernisation and upgradation plan in the State is likely to be taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, hospital-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) 'Health' is a State subject and upgradation and modernisation of secondary and tertiary hospitals comes under the purview of the State Government.

The Government of Meghalaya has informed that they have formulated proposals to modernise and upgrade the facilities of the Government hospitals/ institutions as under:—

(1) The Meghalaya Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences located at Mavlai is proposed to be shifted to a new building at an estimated cost of Rs. 172.00 lakhs.

(2) The Ganesh Das Hospital is proposed to be modernised by adding an OPD Complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 86.00 lakhs.

(3) (a) The Shillong Civil Hospital is being modernised by construction of an OPD Complex at an estimated cost of Rs. 67.00 lakhs.

(b) The Post-mortem building has been completed at a cost of Rs. 6.00 lakhs and would be commissioned by the end of December, 1999.

(c) The upgraded Orthopaedic and Traumatology Centre is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 72.00 lakhs (approx.) with assistance of North Eastern Council (NEC).

(d) The Existing orthopaedic unit and the new orthopaedic building would be equipped with modern implants and equipments at an estimated cost of Rs. 125.00 lakhs.

(e) A C.T. Scan has also been procured with NEC assistance at a cost of Rs. 172.00 lakhs and installation of the C.T. Scan at a cost of Rs. 10.94 lakhs is in process.

(f) Three incinerators one each at Shillong Civil Hospital, Ganesh Das Hospital, and R.P. Chest Hospital are being installed at an estimated cost of Rs. 52.00 lakhs.

(g) Modern X-Ray machines have been installed in Shillong Civil Hospital, Ganesh Das Hospital and R.P. Chest Hospital and have been commissioned during Novemeber, 1999.

(h) Six units doctors residential flats have been completed at a cost of Rs. 36.00 lakhs and inaugurated on 26th November, 1999.

(i) The Nurses Hostel cum training Centre has been completed at a cost of Rs. 125.00 lakhs and inaugurated on 26th November, 1999.

(j) Cobalt Therapy Unit placed in Shillong Civil Hospital is proposed to be reactivated at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 lakhs.

(4) It is proposed to add another 200 beds to the Shillong Civil Hospital and the Ganesh Das Hospital. It is also proposed to upgrade Jowai Civil Hospital and Tura Civil Hospital from 100 to 200 capacity hospitals. It is also proposed to upgrade the Nongstoin, Williamnagar, and Nongpoh CHCs to 100 bedded hospitals. New Machines have also been procured for installation at Jowai, Nongstoin, Mairang, Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Tura and Baghmara.

(5) It is also proposed to set up a Blood Bank in each of the district hospitals viz. Jowai, Nongstoin, Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Baghmara, Tura and Shillong Civil Hospital.

(6) It is also proposed to establish a medical college at an estimated cost of Rs. 205.00 crores.

(7) It is also proposed to install incinerators in all the district hospitals and construction of modern post mortem sheds in all the district hospitals.

**Unrecognised Nursing Homes**

†1014. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unrecognised nursing homes are working in many parts of the country, including the capital, which are charging money from patients arbitrarily and are exploiting them economically;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against such nursing homes; and

(c) if no, action has been taken against them, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) 'Health' is a

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.